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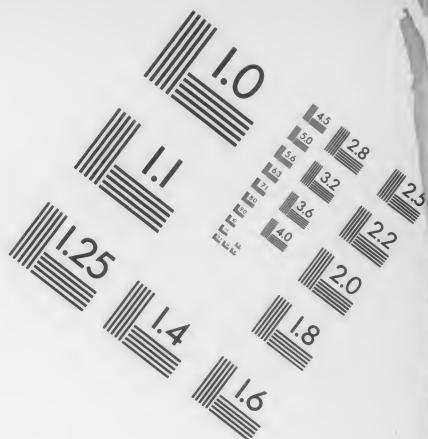
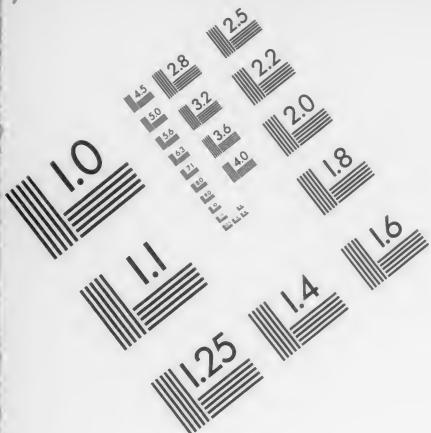


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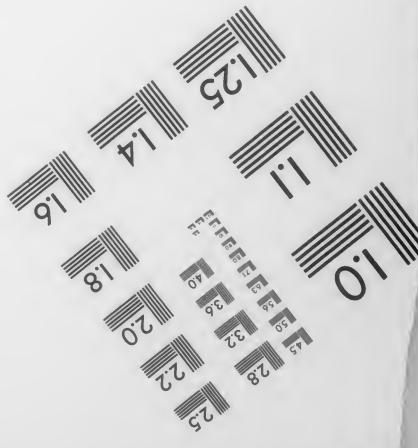
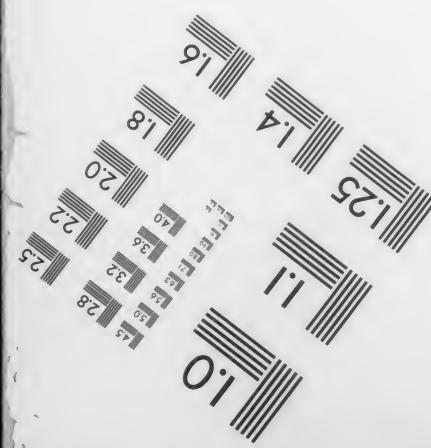
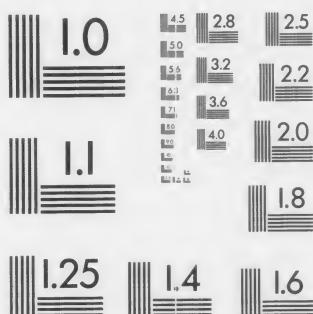
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# HYDROPHOBIA IN PARIS

AND THE MANUFACTURE OF SERUMS.



SIR,—My attention has been drawn to the sensational paragraphs which have appeared in various papers declaring that an alarming increase of hydrophobia has occurred in Paris this summer. The discrepancies in these reports are so glaring as to render them altogether absurd and unreliable. Most probably they owe their origin to the devotees of Pasteurism who may wish to create another hydrophobia scare in the interests of the Pasteur Institutes. It has been fully proved by Dr. Lutaud, of Paris, Dr. Dolan, and others, that the Pasteurian anti-rabic system is useless and dangerous, having in some instances communicated the very disease which it professes to prevent. This mischievous delusion would long since have died a natural death but for the discovery that there was money in it. The manufacture of the various preparations used in what is called the serum treatment of disease is a very profitable undertaking, as horses worth less than twenty pounds apiece will each yield several hundred pounds worth of serum, and will thus prove a veritable gold mine. As the late Professor Michael Foster said at Toronto, in 1897, "There is an increasing risk of men undertaking a research, not because a question is crying out to them to be answered, but in the hope that the publication of the results may win for them a lucrative post. There is, moreover, an even greater danger ahead. The man who lights on a new scientific method holds the key of a chamber in which much gold may be stored up; and strong is the temptation to keep the new knowledge to himself until he has filled his fill, while all the time his brother-inquirers are wandering about in the dark, through lack of that which he possesses. Such a selfish with-holding of new scientific truth is beginning not to be rare in some branches of

knowledge. May it never come near us!"—From "The Times" Report of Professor Michael Foster's Address as President of Section 1, Physiology, British Association Meeting at Toronto, Canada, August 19th, 1897. In short, this so-called Serotherapy is simply a commercial speculation which was first started by certain foreign medical adventurers, and, being well advertised and supported by cooked statistics, it was too hastily accepted by many medical men in this country and abroad. The promotion of "scares" regarding hydrophobia, plague, and other diseases is one of the methods adopted by the Serotherapists in advertising their wares, hence such reports as those I have referred to should not cause alarm, but should be entirely disregarded unless confirmed by unquestionable authority.

I am, etc.,

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